GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Literacy Rate
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the literacy rate has risen in the country during the recent years;
(b) if so, the details of the comparative percentage of literacy across the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(c) the percentage of population educated upto primary, upper primary, secondary, higher secondary, graduation and higher levels in the country, at present;
(d) whether the Government proposes to make any efforts to raise the literacy rate in the country; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) Census 2011 recorded country's literacy rate as 72.98 per cent compared to 64.84 per cent in 2001, showing an increase by 8.14 percentage points. The State/UT-wise details of literacy rates recorded by Census 2001 and 2011 are at Annexure-I.
(c) A statement showing the population and the percentage of population educated upto primary, upper primary, secondary, higher secondary, graduation and higher levels in the country, as per Census 2011 is at Annexure-II.
(d) & (e) The Government have enacted The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and launched Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, to raise the literacy level, in the age group of 6-14 years and 15 years and above, respectively in the country.
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